(b) wrether the Cooperative Banks have been given directives to make neces sary amendments; and

(c) whether the same rule would also be applied in other fields i.e. employ ment, contracts, jobber etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA); (a.) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Combating IB**

1161. SHRI RAJNI RAN J AN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) v,Uether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' datsa 13th October, 1994 under the caption "TB top kii'ei disease in India", and

fb) if so, the reasons for which the disease has not so far been controlled and the number of patients reduced during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) $Ye_3$, Sir.

(b) Central Government is implement- ing a National T.B. Control Programme through a Centrally Sponsored Sch;me or> 50:50 shining basis between the Centre and States iu the country. Mal-nutritioii,

rty. illiteracy and over-crowding are some of the reasons which have contributed to the spread of diseases. Though there has been no significant change to the incidence of T.B.. mortality and severity of morbidity have declined.

**Performance of *Bws&y* Welfare Pro- grammes in States**

1162. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
DR. B. B DUTTA;

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the per- formance of Family Planning Programme varies significantly amongst States;

lb) -uaether it is alto ? fact that the j more populous Northern States are con-j sideraWy lagging behind in this regard. and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for effective implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. 'SILVERA): (a) ana (b) Yes, Sir.

An Action Plan covering improvement in the quality and outreach of ser-*Ices,* differential approach to poor performing areas, innovative approahces in IEC activities greater involvement ot NGOs, active community participation, improved mo; her and ,hilj health . etc. ;s beitr implemented.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम और परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम को प्रोत्साहन देना

1163. श्री किसनभाई हरिभाई पटेल : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम और परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम पर और अधिक बल देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी प्रमुख विशेषताएं क्या हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना तथा आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस प्रयोजन के लिए राज्य/संघ राज्य